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Publisher's Affidavit of Publication

I, **Pam E. Singletary**, being duly sworn and say, I am a representative of **The Press and Banner**, a weekly newspaper published at Abbeville, South Carolina in the County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina; that said newspaper is in general circulation in the county aforementioned and is a legal newspaper; that the copy of which is attached/enclosed hereto and is a part hereof, was published in said newspaper once a week for the period of 1 week(s) in the regular and entire issue; and that the publication dates of such notice was July 24, 2013.
Subscribed and sworn before me the 31th day of July 2013.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

On this 31th day of July 2013 a Notary Public,
declare that the statements therein are true, and
acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.


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Notary Public

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THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CLERK'S OFFICE
DOCKET NO. 2013-201-WS

REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Company") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") for an adjustment of its rates and charges and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service. The Application was filed in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712.4, 103-512.4, 103-503 and 103-703. The Application states that the proposed rate increase is necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, cover its expenses, be permitted an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its investment, and attract capital for future improvements. The Application also states, in part, that the Company's proposed rates are also necessary in order that the Company may comply with the standards and regulations set by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and other environmental regulatory authorities.

The Application includes new charges to recover costs of disconnecting the Company's water and sewer customers from its facilities in certain circumstances, to recover its costs of repair of its water and sewer facilities which have been damaged by tampering, and for the installation of certain water meters. The proposed new rates include provisions permitting electronic billing and electronic payment of its service charges, to provide for late payment charges on its water and sewer accounts, and to remove the limit on non-account water charged to customers. The Utility also seeks to increase its approved customer account charge to its new water and sewer customers and to increase its approved notification fee charged in connection with a notice required prior to disconnection of sewer services. The Company's proposed water and sewer tariffs also include late payment charges for any balance unpaid within twenty-five days (25) of the billing date to be assessed at one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) for each month, or any part of a month, that said payment is late.

	<u>CURRENT RATES</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATES</u>
<u>WATER RATES AND CHARGES</u>		
<u>Monthly Charges</u>		
Base Facilities Charge per single family house, condominium, mobile home or apartment unit	\$16.53 / unit	\$24.24/ unit
Residential; Less than 1" meter		
Commodity Charge	\$5.40/ 1,000 gallons or 134 cft.	\$7.91/ 1,000 gallons or 134 cft.
Commercial/Residential (for 1" meter or greater)		
Basic Facilities Charge by Meter Size		
1" meter	\$44.00/ mo.	\$64.52/ mo.
1.5" meter	\$80.00/ mo.	\$117.31/ mo.
2" meter	\$130.00/ mo.	\$190.63/ mo.
3" meter	\$275.00/ mo.	\$403.26/ mo.
4" meter	\$403.02/ mo.	\$590.99/ mo.
Commodity Charge	\$5.40/ 1,000 gallons or 134 cft.	\$7.91/ 1,000 gallons or 134 cft.
<u>Charge for Water Distribution Only</u>		
Residential (for less than 1" meter)	Basic Facilities Charge per single family house, condominium, mobile home or apartment unit	\$24.24/ unit
Commodity Charge		\$2.91/ 1,000 gallons or 134 cft. \$4.26/ 1,000 gallons

(for 1" meter or greater)

Basic Facilities Charge by Meter Size

1" Meter	\$44.00	\$64.52
1.5" Meter	\$80.00	\$117.31
2" Meter	\$130.00	\$190.63
3" Meter	\$275.00	\$403.26
4" Meter	\$403.02	\$590.99
Commodity Charge	\$2.91/1,000 gallons or 134 cft.	\$4.26/1,000 gallons or 134 cft.

Non-Recurring Charges

Water Meter – 5/8 Inches x 3/4 Inches Meter		\$100.00
Customer Account Charge – New Customers Only	\$25.00	\$30.00
Reconnection Charge	\$35.00	N/A
Disconnection Charge	N/A	\$40.00
Tampering Charge	N/A	\$250.00

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Charges	Residential, Monthly Charge per Single-Family House, Condominium, Villa or Apartment Unit	\$41.39/ unit	\$65.31/unit
	Mobile Homes, Monthly Charge	\$29.74/ unit	\$65.31/ unit
	Commercial, Monthly Charge	\$41.39/ SFE	\$65.31/SFE
	Wickoff Plant		\$547.09

Charge for Sewer Collection Only

Residential, Monthly Charge per Single-Family House, Condominium, or Apartment Unit	\$26.64/ unit	\$42.04/unit
Commercial, Monthly Charge per Single-Family Equivalent	\$26.64/ SFE	\$42.04/SFE

Non-Recurring Charges

Notification Fee	\$6.00	\$15.00
Customer Account Charge – New Customer	\$25.00	\$30.00
Reconnection Charge*	\$250.00	N/A
*Where an elder valve has been previously installed, a reconnection charge of \$35.00 is charged.		
Disconnection Charge**	N/A	\$500.00
**Where an elder valve has been previously installed, a disconnection fee of \$40.00 shall be charged.		
Tampering Charge		\$250.00

A copy of the Company's complete Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Utilities Services' complete Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina on **Monday, November 4, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **August 19, 2013**, and indicate the amount of time required for his or her presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. **Please refer to Docket No. 2013-201-W/S.**

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire, Terreni Law Firm, LLC and Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 on or before **August 19, 2013**, and indicate the amount of time required for his or her presentation. **Please refer to Docket No. 2013-201-W/S.**

Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence should notify on or before **August 29, 2013**, in writing, the Clerk's Office at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire and Scott Elliot, Esquire, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. **Please refer to Docket No. 2013-201-W/S.**

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Clerk's Office in writing at the address below on or before **August 19, 2013**. **Please refer to Docket No. 2013-201-W/S.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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